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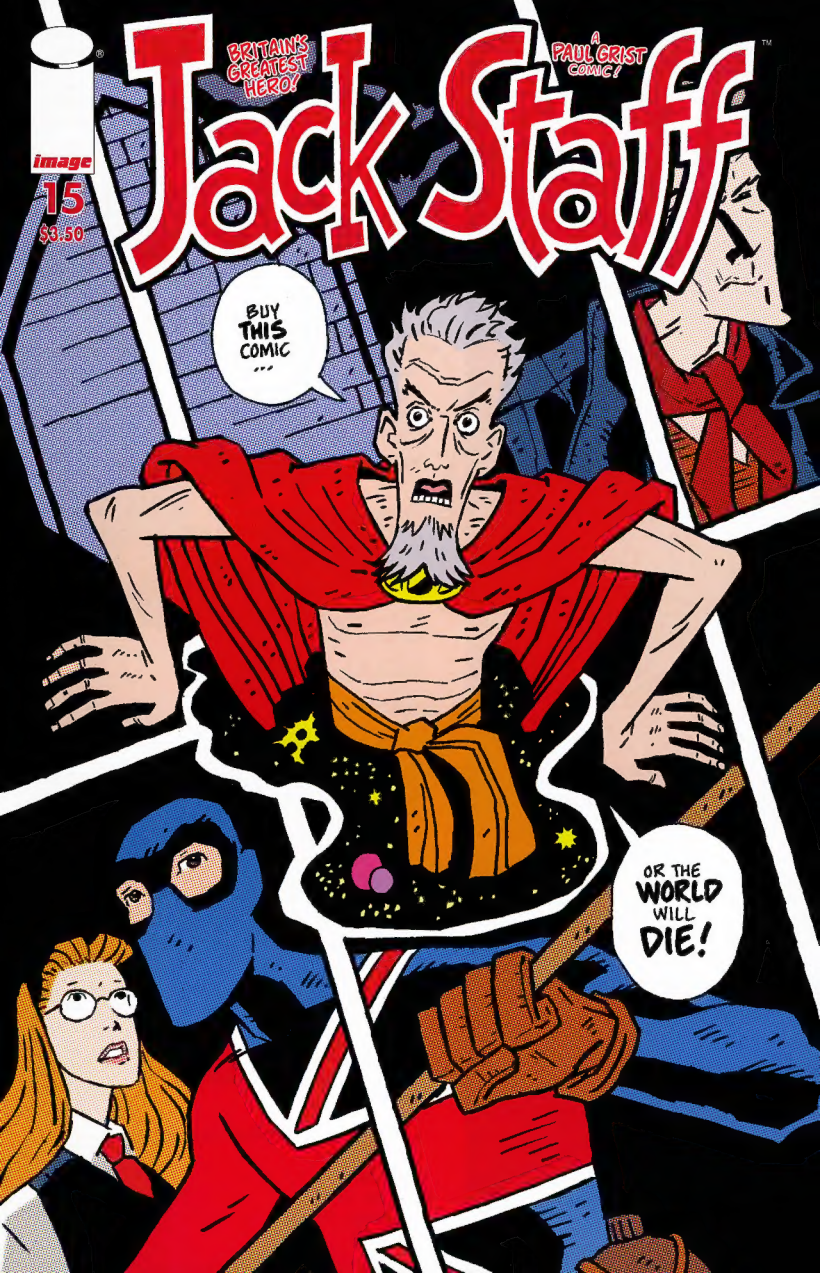
BRITAIN'S
GREATEST
HERO!

A
PAUL GRIST
COMIC!

Jack Staff

BUY
THIS
COMIC
...

OR THE
WORLD
WILL
DIE!



Jack Staff



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March already? That means it's only a couple of months to go to the Bristol Comic Festival which will be taking place at the British Empire and Commonwealth Exhibition Hall (right next to Bristol Temple Meads train station), with various panels and events taking place at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and the Mecure Holland House Hotel over the weekend of the 10th and 11th of May. You can find full details and a guest list at www.comicexpo.net

FLAG WAVING

Whilst you're surfing round, don't miss your chance to vote in this years Eagle Awards, which will be presented at the Bristol Show. You can find full details at www.eagleawards.co.uk

This is just an initial nominating round, from which a shortlist of the most popular 5 titles will be chosen for the actual voting form. Jack Staff has already been nominated in the favourite black and white UK and US sections as well as the favourite colour UK and US sections so I'm pretty much covering all bases there!

Actually, whilst I've got my diary here, if anyone else has got any comic festivals and or conventions coming up, I'm always open to invitation.

I've already mentioned Bristol in the spring and then there's Birmingham in the autumn. Last year I also got to Barcelona and Bergen (Norway) twice. Seems to be a bit of a B theme shaping up here.

Barbados anybody?

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I
HAVE
WAITED
FOR THIS
MOMENT
TO ARRIVE.

I AM
THE
DRUID

YOU
SEEK TO
INVADE
THIS WORLD
BUT I STAND
HERE AS ITS
PROTECTOR.

YOU
TAKE ONE
STEP
FURTHER
INTO THIS
REALM
...

AND I
SHALL
DESTROY
YOU.





YOU'RE
NOT
REAL
ARE YOU
DRUID?

NO!

IT'S ALL
GONE
...

ALL
THE
GLORIOUS
MULTITUDE
OF **REALITIES**
ALL GONE--
ALL FOLDED
INTO ONE
FLAT
PLANE OF
EXISTENCE
...

ONCE
--I COULD
SEE IT ALL
--BUT NOW,
NOW I SEE
NOTHING
...

WAIT
...

I SENSE
SOMEONE
STILL
THERE!

YOU!
REMEMBER
ME? I AM
THE
DRUID!

WAIT!
DON'T GO
--PLEASE--



ALBERT
...

ALBERT
ALBERT
ALBERT

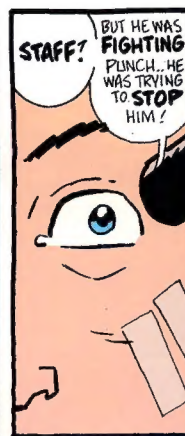
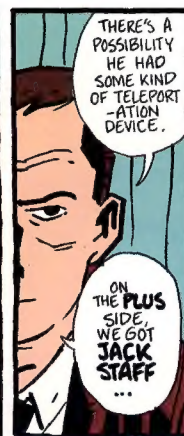
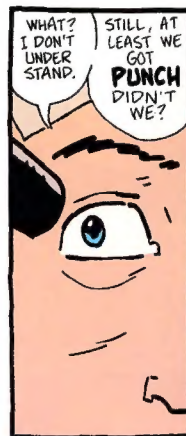
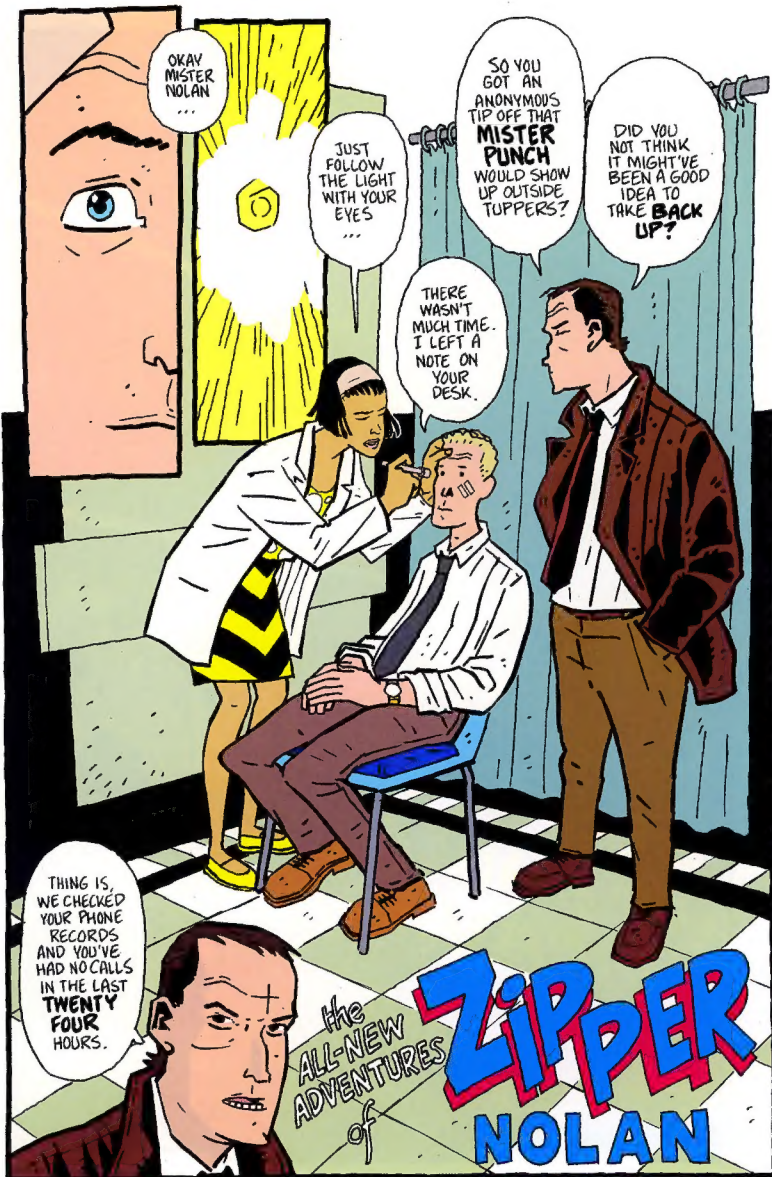
YOU'RE
VERY
GOOD
AT
THIS
...

IT
REALLY
HURTS
THAT
I
HAVE
TO
KILL
YOU!

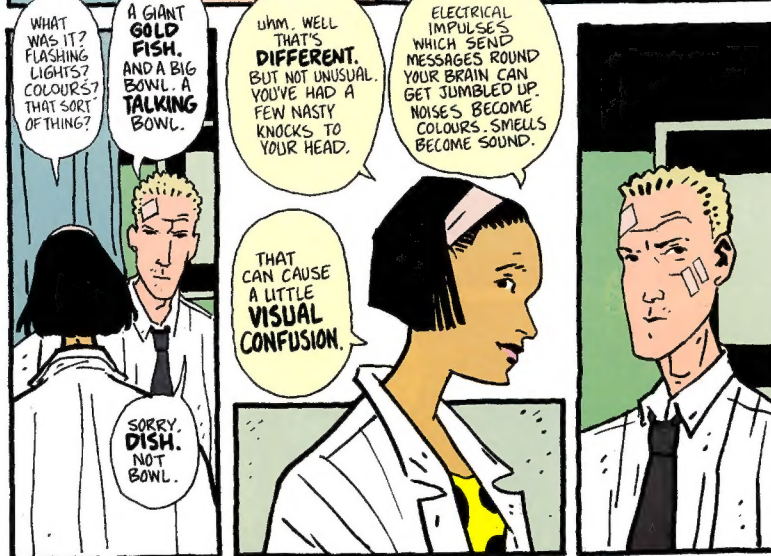
BRAMBLE & SON

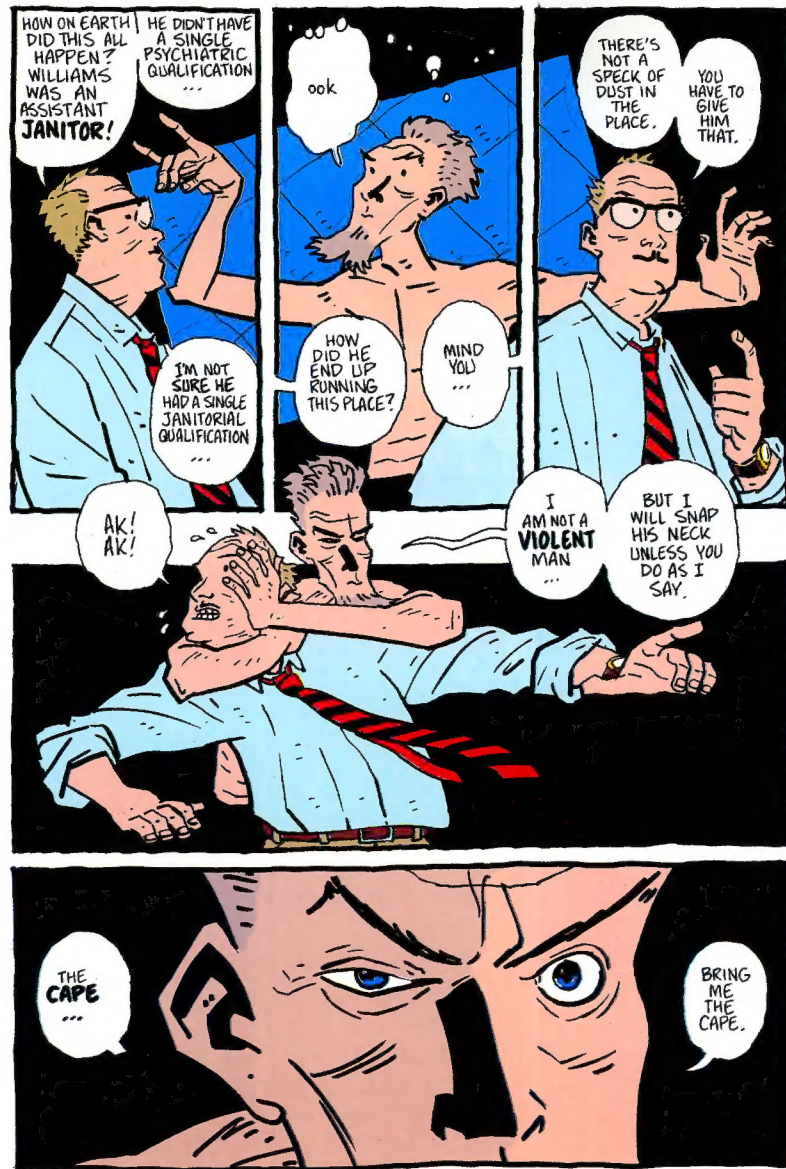
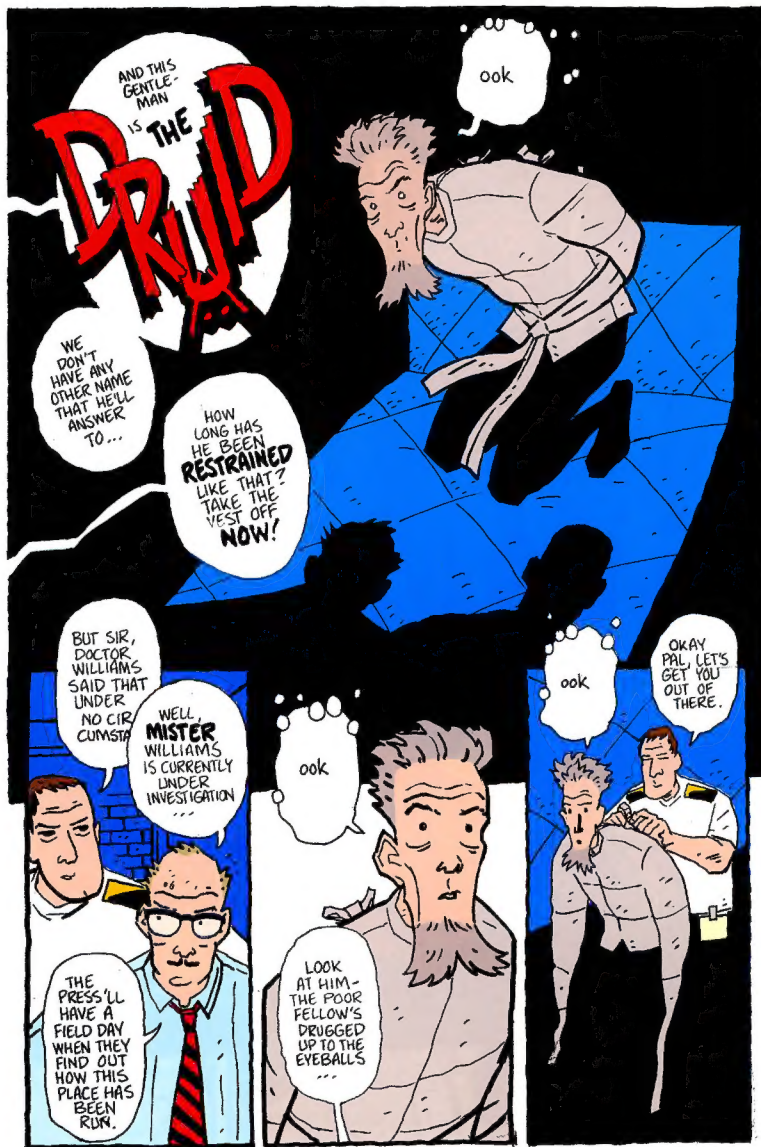
VAMPIRE HUNTERS






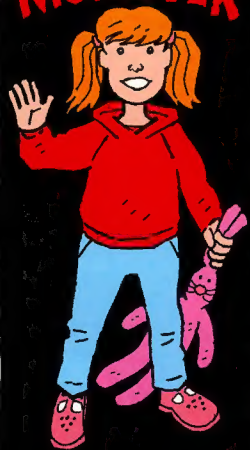
* SEE **JACK STAFF** VOL 1 ISSUES 7+8 - COLLECTED IN 'EVERYTHING USED TO BE BLACK & WHITE'



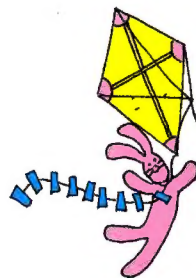




REBECCA and the SHADOW MONSTER

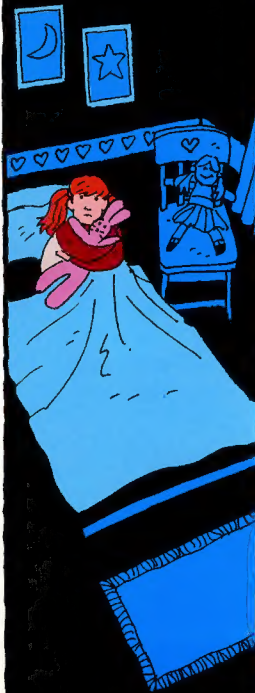


This is Rebecca.



She likes to
spend her day
running,
jumping, playing
and laughing.

But, when the
night comes, she
can't sleep.

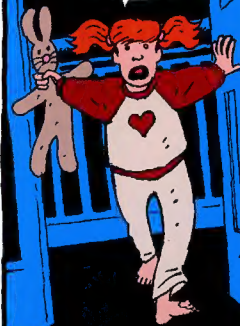


She's scared of
the Shadow Monster
that creeps into
her room.

Rebecca runs into
the next door room
where her Mummy
and Daddy are
sleeping.

Mummy!
Daddy!

There's
a SHADOW
MONSTER
in my room!



Daddy takes Rebecca
back to her room and
turns on the light.

Everything is where
it should be.



See?
It's
alright.

It was
Mister Bunny
who was
scared
really.

There's nothing to
be scared of.

You're
just a
shadow

So when the
Shadow Monster
creeps into her room
again, Rebecca
isn't scared.



and the Shadow
Monster eats her all up.

And then it goes into
the next door room for
Mummy and Daddy

BECKY BURDOCK VAMPIRE REPORTER

You'd think, once you were
dead, it'd put all your other
problems into perspective.

How much worse
is it likely to get?

BECKY!

oh.

IT'S
YOU.

I'm Becky Burdock.
Vampire Reporter.

I'm dead,
and it's not
getting any
better.

THANK
YOU FOR
HOOSING
TO
**SHOP
LOCAL**
ALL AGAIN!

HEY
BECKY!

YOU
OKAY?

He's JOHN
SMITH. He's
a builder.

NO. NOT
REALLY.

He's also **JACK STAFF**, Britain's
Greatest Hero!

CAN I
TALK
TO YOU?

PROPERLY.
SERIOUS
STUFF.

Right now he's
probably one of
the only people
who might under-
stand what's
going off in my
head.

SURE!

BEEP
A
BEEP

SORRY.
I ah.
JUST A
MOMENT.

HELLO?
YES?

LYNDA!
YEAH, BIT
OF A CRAZY
NIGHT
...

LYNDA?
LYNDA
JONES?

Right. That does
it. I'm done.

I've got other people
I can talk to.

LOOK
...

CAN
I CALL
YOU
BACK?

HEY
RED!

WAIT
UP!

Alright, they might
try and KILL me,
but at least I won't
be ignored.



SHOP LOCAL

BECKY?

PAPERS
MAGS
CIGARETTES
DRINKS
FOOD
LOTTERY

OPEN
8
TILL LATE

WHERE'D
SHE GO?

AND SOMEWHERE IN THE
SHADOWS, SOMETHING LAUGHS.

BRAMBLE & SON

VAMPIRE HUNTER

YOU'VE
BEEN
CALLING
ME ALL
NIGHT
...

I'VE
CHASED
HALF WAY
CROSS TOWN
FOLLOWING
YOU
...

I'VE
LOST COUNT
OF HOW MANY
OF YOUR
DEMONS
I'VE
KILLED
...

LET'S
PUT AN
END TO
THIS
GAME!

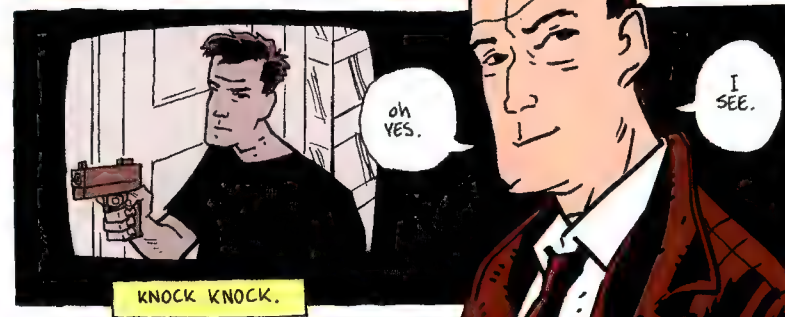
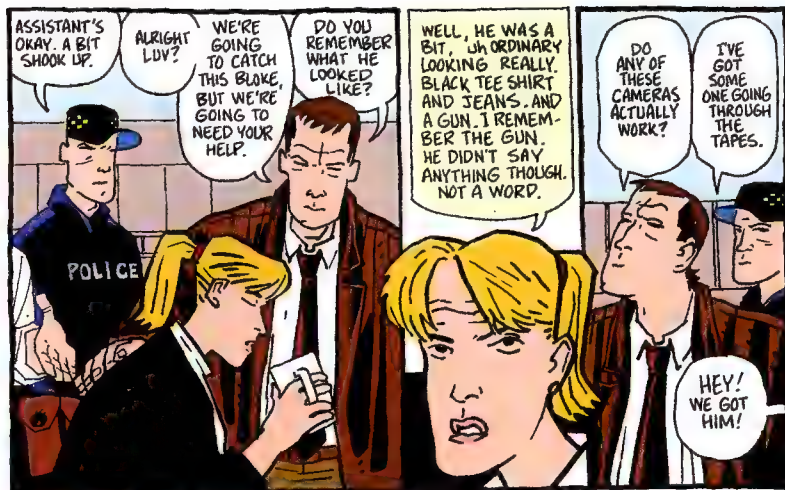
SHOW
YOUR
SELF!

REALLY
ALBERT
...

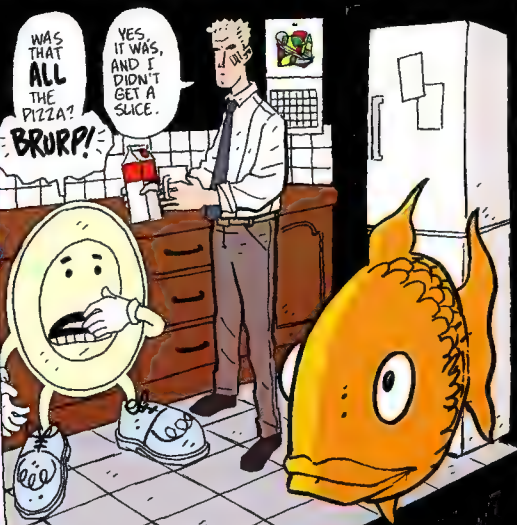
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO SHOUT
...

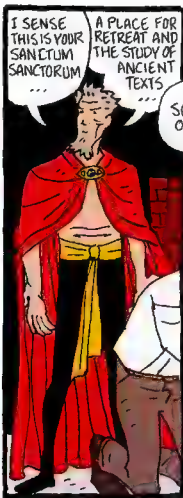
IT'S
ENOUGH
TO WAKE
THE
DEAD
...

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR MAVERYK



the
ALL-NEW
ADVENTURES
of
ZIPPER
NOLAN
(AND
HIS
NEW
gang)





STAFF POST

Hi Paul,

I just finished reading the Jack Staff Special, and I wanted to say that it blew me away. I had never read a Jack Staff book before, and I didn't know what to expect. But I really got absorbed in the thing!

Everything was so kinetic, and the way the narrative was kind of pieced together was awesome.

Thanks for the wonderful book!

Andy
clavende@c.mail.unc.edu

That's one more in the keep net. We're getting there! (I'm just not sure where there is, that's all!)

Hi, I don't know how I've managed to miss the Weird World of Jack Staff for so long? Only picked it up yesterday. I love it – thanks for keeping going!

Are you still on track for the January schedule you mentioned on the image forum? I hope so, cos now Burglar Bill's been cancelled, Jack Staff is the only title that I buy now. Well, apart from Futurequake that is.

Thanks for putting out the only ongoing comic worth reading these days.

Neil Colebeck
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Jack Staff, now with added Burglar Bill, so you can buy it twice! Or something like that. Actually this gives me the opportunity to thank Graham Pearce, creator of Sgt. Mike Battle, who originally suggested running the unused Burglar Bill stories in the back of Jack Staff, so thanks Graham! And a quick plug for the Jack Staff message board on the Image Comics website (www.imagecomics.com) click on forums and then scroll down the page, you'll find us!

Paul, I would like to say thank you for the work you do. As a person that loves the British Superheroes, I was ecstatic when I saw nod/wink versions of Captain Hurricane, Tim Kelly, and of course Steel Claw, among others. You have made the Jack Staff-verse a place I would never leave. I'm loyal to the end, and please let that be a loooooong time off. I'm getting geared up for the Jack Staff Special #1. Converting the heathens at my local comic book store into, Gristians. Jack Staff: America's Greatest Hero! Sincerely, Larry King (Not the guy on CNN) Abraxas2014@yahoo.com

Paul,

I just finished reading The Weird World of Jack Staff -- and loved it, as (you know) I do all your work. I have to confess that I'm already planning to steal a line from you.

From now on, when people at work -- or anywhere, really -- whine to me that they are "just doing their job," my response will be Helen Morgan's:

"Do it BETTER."

Thanks very much for that!

Diana Schutz
Dianas@darkhorse.com

My pleasure and if anyone else wants help with dialoguing their life then let me know!

Hey Paul!

I stumbled upon Weird World...today in Dr. No's (the local comic store) while looking for one of the few comics I read these days. I've been with you and Jack Staff from the b/w beginning and have all the issues and compilations (except Soldiers...I need to get it...) and still look forward to finding the newest issue on the shelves. For some reason, recently I've

been missing Jack Staff the week it comes out but always seem to find it the next week on the back issue shelves

I didn't think I'd like Jack Staff as much when Image took it over and put it in color, but now it's hard to read Jack in b/w! Phil does a wonderful job on the coloring!

I became a brit-comic fan way back when with the US releases of Rogue Warrior and Nemesis, along with the old Harrier comics where Bacchus and Eyeball Kid got their start! You, Dave Gibbons and Kev O'Neil are some of the few artists whose stuff I always look for.

I hope you'll continue to create Jack Staff comics for as long as you enjoy them! It's just a great all around comic, and I never really know what to expect from issue to issue!

I know I was initially taken with Jack Staff because I loved Union Jack in the old Invaders comics from the '70's (I saw a compilation of those great comics today too!) but you've taken Jack Staff above and beyond Union Jack!

I notice you've done parodies or tributes to famous Brit-comic characters and I wondered if there will be others in the future? I just read the DC Battler Briton books and loved them! I was thinking a Battler/Blackhawk type character would be an interesting addition to the Jack Staff world! Maybe an old pal from WW2 who's aged while Jack hasn't...just a thought

The only question I have for you is...WHO THE HELL IS MR. GREEN from Jack Staff Image issue #2??? I don't think I've ever seen an explanation of who HE is!

Keep up the exceptional work and thanks for keeping comics fun for a 45 year old father of 3 kids and 2 dogs!

All the best my friend!

John McLaughlin
gumby.mashahockey@gmail.com

That'll be the enigmatic Mr. Green. Keeps himself to himself. Mutters to himself a bit. You wouldn't want to sit next to him on the bus. That's about as much as you really need to know. Trust me

Dear Paul,

well, that was more like it! I really enjoyed Jack Staff #13 and the trip to the mirror universe. A great comeback after the slight let down of your last story arc.

Weird stories are cool, but weirdness for weirdness' sake isn't that funny. A crazy magician, a dumb eternal warrior and a journey through slumberland did not help to improve the story. The basic idea of a historic battle that continues in the present promised more excitement than you finally delivered.

But now Jack is back and as good as new -- or as bad as ever? Coming soon: the vampire Bramble and the return of a spidery archnemesis. Not to forget: the secret agenda of the monkey boy. Sorry: chimp boy! That is something to look forward to -- as everything else that you put out on the shelves (even the dumb stories :-)

Regards

Axel Imholz
Wiesbaden, Germany

Looks like the crazy magician and the rest of the gang are going to be round for a little while yet... and I've got big plans for the dumb Eternal Warrior. On the plus side there's lots more monkey business coming up!

Next issue: Armed Police are after John Smith, and Tom Tom the Robot Man too! Albert Bramble goes up against Albert Bramble! All this and Burglar Bill too in thirty days time!

OKAY, TECHNICALLY, IT'S
BREAKING AND ENTERING

BUT
I WAS ONLY
TRYING TO
RETURN A
STOLEN CAR
RADIO TO ITS
RIGHTFUL
OWNER.

THAT
PUTS ME
ON THE
SIDE OF
LAW AND
ORDER
RIGHT?

SO, MAYBE
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE STOLEN
THE CAR RADIO
IN THE FIRST
PLACE...



Burglar Bill

DOES THAT MAKE IT
ALL MY FAULT?

IT'S A MORAL
MAZE ISN'T IT?



HEY,
BILL!
I--

shh---
OVER
HERE!

Squige

EVENING
GAZETTE

IN

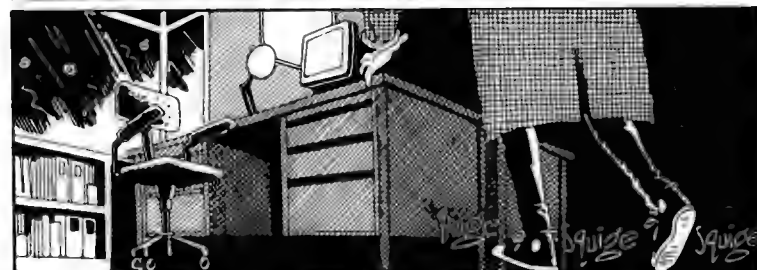
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LESS
NOISE...
THERE'S
SOMEONE
IN THE
NEWS
ROOM
...

SO WHAT'S
THE PROBLEM?
CAN'T YOU
JUST
STEAM IN
AND GRAB
THE
RADIO?







SNORK





HURRAY!
HURRAY!
HURRAY!

THAT
MEANS
YOU
SKUZZ
BALL!

CLICK!

OH
RIGHT

I
GET
IT.

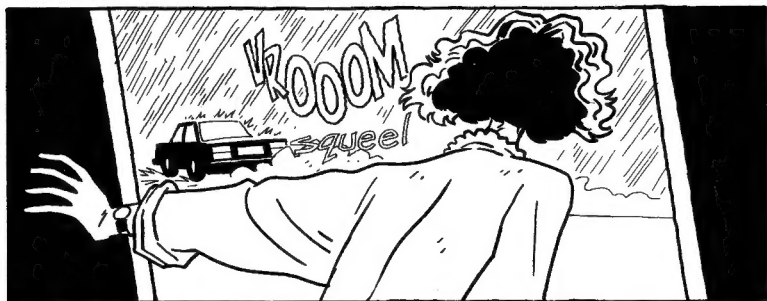
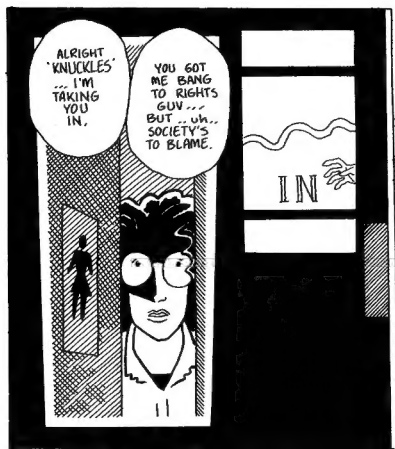
STAY
BACK SIR
-DETECTIVE
CONSTABLE
WADS LEE.

WE'VE
HAD THIS
ONE UNDER
POLICE
OBSERVATION
FOR SOME
TIME
NOW...

WAITING
FOR HIM
TO TRY
SOMETHING
STUPID
LIKE THIS.

FOR
A MOMENT
THERE
I THOUGHT
I'D WOKEN
UP.

SHANE ANDERSON



CONTINUED!

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CASTLETOWN'S
CAST-IRON
CHAMPION!

TOMTOM

THE ROBOT MAN

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